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Interviews: 1,009 voters
Dates: July 27-28, 2000

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,009 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a “+”, all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	100	CONTINUE	[138]
Not registered.....	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure.....	-		

2. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<div><div><div><u>High</u></div><div><u>2/91+</u></div></div><div><u>Low</u></div><div><u>7/92+</u></div></div>		[140]
Right direction.....	48	44	44	49	55	49	65	14	
Wrong track.....	32	38	34	34	28	34	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	17	15	19	15	15	15	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	2	2	2	4	6	
		<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>			
		46	43	50	42	46			
		37	41	32	41	40			
		14	13	15	14	11			
		3	3	3	3	3			

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- 3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<i>High</i>		<i>Low</i>	
							<u>1/99</u>	<u>10/98</u>	<u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	60	58	59	60	65	61	68	68	41	[140]
Disapprove.....	35	37	35	34	30	34	29	29	50	
Not sure.....	5	5	6	6	5	5	3	3	9	
		10/99	9/99	7/99	6/99	4/99				

60	58	63	58	58
34	37	32	37	36
6	5	5	5	6

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>7/00**+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	72	68	69	73	74	71	78	40	40	[141]
Disapprove.....	23	25	23	19	18	23	17	51	51	
Not sure.....	5	7	8	8	8	6	5	9	9	
		<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>				
		70	66	73	71	73				
		22	27	20	21	18				
		8	7	7	8	9				

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>7/00*+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>10/98+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	57	51	49	50	52	49	70	32	[142]
Disapprove.....	35	38	35	39	39	41	26	60	
Not sure.....	8	11	16	11	9	10	4	8	
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>			
		54	50	50	60	65			
		37	41	41	31	28			
		9	9	9	9	7			

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4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	46	43	42	43	48	45	42	40	61	22	[143]
Disapprove.....	42	46	44	40	36	42	45	49	28	69	
Not sure.....	12	11	14	17	16	13	13	11	11	9	
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>			
		43	40	49	41	50	44	48			
		41	42	38	45	40	42	39			
		16	18	13	14	10	14	13			

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- 4b. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2000¹ congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	[144]
Republican-controlled Congress...	40	43	40	41	39	40	39	39	42	
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	42	41	40	43	43	44	41	43	41	
Not sure ²	18	16	20	16	18	16	20	18	17	
		<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	
		41	37	41	40	41	39	37	41	
		40	43	43	39	40	40	41	37	
		19	20	16	21	19	21	22	22	
		<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
		40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
		42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
		18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

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¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

5. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	[145]
Bill Clinton							
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
June 2000+.....	20	27	12	14	27	-	
April 2000+.....	22	27	13	11	27	-	
March 2000+.....	24	26	14	12	24	-	
January 2000.....	23	29	14	12	21	1	
December 1999.....	20	29	15	14	22	-	
October 1999.....	20	30	14	13	23	-	
September 1999.....	20	26	14	13	27	-	
July 1999.....	23	27	14	14	22	-	
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
April 1999.....	23	23	14	13	26	1	
High							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
Low							
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	

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Q.5. (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Al Gore							[146/159]
July 2000+.....	17	26	18	15	23	1	
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
April 2000+.....	15	26	20	16	21	2	
March 2000+.....	17	27	20	16	18	2	
January 2000.....	16	29	21	16	16	2	
December 1999.....	12	26	25	19	16	2	
October 1999.....	12	27	25	18	16	2	
September 1999.....	10	22	28	19	17	4	
July 1999.....	13	27	26	16	15	3	
June 1999.....	15	23	27	16	15	4	
April 1999.....	11	24	30	14	17	4	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
George W. Bush							[147/160]
July 2000+.....	24	28	14	14	18	2	
June 2000+.....	16	29	23	15	15	2	
April 2000+.....	17	29	22	13	16	3	
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
January 2000.....	22	30	22	13	9	4	
December 1999.....	19	31	21	16	10	3	
October 1999.....	21	32	21	12	11	3	
September 1999.....	18	32	22	12	10	6	
July 1999.....	22	31	26	9	6	6	
June 1999.....	23	27	25	9	8	8	
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
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<i>High</i>							
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.5. (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[148/161]
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
June 2000+.....	15	32	25	11	7	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
March 2000+.....	14	31	25	14	7	9	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
April 1999.....	8	14	18	3	3	54	
The Democratic Party							[149/162]
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 2000+.....	15	32	23	15	13	2	
April 2000+.....	14	34	21	15	15	1	
March 2000+.....	18	28	27	13	12	2	
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
December 1999.....	17	29	24	16	12	2	
June 1999.....	16	29	25	13	15	2	
March 1999.....	21	25	24	14	15	1	
January 1999.....	18	27	27	16	10	2	
December 1998.....	18	28	25	16	11	2	
October 1998+.....	13	29	28	16	12	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
Pat Buchanan							[150/163]
July 2000+.....	3	12	25	22	29	9	
June 2000+.....	2	10	27	18	32	11	
April 2000+.....	2	14	24	21	29	10	
March 2000+.....	3	11	26	21	30	9	
January 2000.....	4	12	25	19	24	16	
December 1999.....	4	13	25	21	26	11	
October 1999.....	4	14	24	20	28	10	
August 1996.....	4	11	26	20	31	8	
March 1996.....	6	16	20	18	32	8	
January 1996.....	3	13	30	12	20	22	
December 1995.....	5	16	24	16	22	17	
February/March 1992.....	5	21	23	18	16	17	

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Q.5. (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Ralph Nader							[151/164]
July 2000+.....	13	22	27	10	10	18	
June 2000+.....	10	23	30	9	6	22	
April 2000+.....	9	19	31	12	8	21	
May 1996.....	14	23	28	9	6	20	
The Republican Party							[152/165]
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 2000+.....	9	30	28	16	15	2	
April 2000+.....	11	31	25	16	15	2	
March 2000.....	13	26	27	17	14	3	
January 2000.....	13	29	27	16	14	1	
December 1999.....	12	29	23	18	15	3	
June 1999.....	11	26	27	18	15	3	
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
December 1998.....	10	23	26	21	18	2	
October 1998+.....	13	24	22	21	19	1	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
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Dick Cheney							[153/166]
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
Laura Bush							[155]
July 2000*+.....	13	14	28	4	4	37	
Trent Lott							[156]
July 2000*+.....	4	12	20	10	11	43	
January 1999 *.....	5	14	28	10	9	34	
December 1997.....	3	7	18	9	6	57	
October 1997.....	3	9	22	7	3	56	
July 1997.....	5	11	18	7	4	55	
June 1997.....	5	10	19	7	4	55	
April 1997.....	6	10	17	4	2	61	
March 1997.....	4	11	19	5	3	58	
January 1997.....	6	10	14	3	2	65	
December 1996.....	5	9	18	4	2	62	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.5. (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Former President George Bush							[157]
July 2000*+.....	28	31	14	14	12	1	
January 2000.....	23	36	20	12	8	1	
June 1999.....	30	31	20	11	6	2	
June 1995.....	17	38	22	13	10	-	
January 1993.....	21	31	20	14	13	1	
December 1992.....	18	28	18	19	15	2	
November 1992.....	20	21	11	17	29	2	
October 1992+.....	14	20	14	22	30	-	
September 1992+.....	15	25	15	19	25	1	
August 1992+.....	11	25	13	21	29	1	
July 1992+.....	9	26	18	23	23	1	
Tipper Gore							[158]
July 2000*+.....	17	24	32	9	10	8	
April 2000+.....	14	21	32	12	10	11	
Barbara Bush							[168]
July 2000**+.....	37	29	23	4	4	3	
January 2000.....	38	31	22	4	2	3	
September 1992.....	32	33	21	7	4	3	
August 1992.....	31	32	20	8	7	2	
February/March 1992.....	40	30	16	6	6	2	
Dennis Hastert							[169]
July 2000**+.....	4	7	16	4	2	67	
January 1999.....	1	5	16	2	2	74	
Tom DeLay							[170]
July 2000**+.....	3	7	18	4	9	59	
July 1999.....	2	7	19	3	4	65	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the next presidential election

6a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>7/00+</u>		<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/8/00+</u>	<u>3/2-5/00+</u>	<u>1/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	42	CONTINUE	41	41	43	48	43	39	[171]
George W. Bush.....	47		49	46	40	45	49	50	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	Skip to Q.7a	5	6	7	3	3	5	
Not sure.....	6		5	7	10	4	5	6	
			<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
			39	35	37	36	35	34	
			49	52	50	51	53	52	
			5	6	5	4	5	4	
			7	7	8	9	7	10	
			<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>		
			40	40	39	41	45		
			50	48	49	44	39		
			5	5	5	5	8		
			5	7	7	10	8		

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.6a.)

6b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE IN Q.6a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE IN Q.6a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE IN Q.6a)**?

	<u>Gore Voters</u>			<u>Bush Voters</u>			
	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	
Definitely vote for candidate.....	67	68	63	69	69	63	[172]
Probably vote for candidate.....	18	16	18	18	16	19	
Just leaning toward voting for candidate...	15	16	19	13	15	17	
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	

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7a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, and Ralph Nader were the Green Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	
Al Gore.....	38	38	37	[173]
George W. Bush.....	44	43	41	
Pat Buchanan.....	2	4	4	
Ralph Nader.....	8	7	5	
None/other (VOL).....	2	3	4	
Not sure.....	6	5	9	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 7b. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and John McCain were running as a candidate independent from either party, for whom would you vote?

	7/00+	4/00+	3/8/00+	3/2- 5/00+	
Al Gore.....	32	31	34	34	[174]
George W. Bush.....	40	35	32	35	
John McCain.....	20	23	23	24	
None/other (VOL).....	2	3	2	1	
Not sure.....	6	8	9	6	

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- 8a. How much of a factor is a presidential candidate's **(READ ITEM)** in deciding how you will vote--is it a major factor for you, one of many factors, a minor factor, or not a factor at all? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR FACTOR

	Major Factor	One Of Many Factors	Minor Factor	Not A Factor At All	Not Sure	
Handling of the economy.....	55	35	6	3	1	[175/453]
Handling of the budget surplus.....	49	40	5	5	1	[178/456]
Handling of foreign policy.....	44	39	13	2	2	[176/454]
Supreme Court appointments.....	35	36	19	8	2	[177/455]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8b. When it comes to possible nominees to the Supreme Court, do you feel comfortable that **(READ ITEM)** would select the right kind of justices, or are you concerned about the choices he would make? **(IF "CONCERNED," ASK:)** Is that because he would appoint justices whose ideology and opinions would be different from your own, or is that because his choices would be too political? *

	Comfortable Would Choose Right Kind Of Justices	Concerned				
		Different Ideology, Opinions	Too Political	Both Reasons (VOL)	Not Sure	
George W. Bush.....	47	18	21	8	6	[180]
Al Gore.....	40	22	20	10	8	[208]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8c. I'd like you to compare Al Gore and George W. Bush on a few issues. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Al Gore or George W. Bush would be better on that issue. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular issue, just say so.

	Al Gore Would Be Better	George W. Bush Would Be Better	Both Would Be Equally Good	Neither Would Be Good	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
The economy							[209/457]
July 2000 **+.....	37	38	12	5	1	7	
June 2000 +.....	37	36	16	6	-	5	
Social Security							[210/458]
July 2000 **+.....	37	35	11	7	1	9	
June 2000 +.....	42	35	8	7	-	8	
Taxes							[211/459]
July 2000 **+.....	29	43	8	10	1	9	
June 2000 +.....	30	43	8	10	1	8	
Education							[212/460]
July 2000 **+.....	38	37	14	4	-	7	
June 2000 +.....	40	33	13	6	-	8	
Health care							[213/461]
July 2000 **+.....	46	29	8	6	1	10	
June 2000 +.....	42	29	11	9	-	9	
Foreign policy							[214/462]
July 2000 **+.....	32	40	10	6	1	11	
June 2000 +.....	38	35	9	9	-	9	
Prescription drug coverage							[463-464]
July 2000 **+.....	44	22	10	8	1	15	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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9. Now I'd like you to compare Al Gore and George W. Bush on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Al Gore or George W. Bush would be better on that item. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular item, just say so.

	Al Gore Would Be <u>Better</u>	George W. Bush Would Be <u>Better</u>	Both Would Be Equally <u>Good</u>	Neither Would Be <u>Good</u>	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency							[215]
July 2000 **+.....	36	30	24	8	-	2	
June 2000+.....	40	31	21	5	-	3	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people							[216]
July 2000 **+.....	37	30	14	13	1	5	
June 2000+.....	39	32	15	11	-	3	
Being knowledgeable enough to deal with foreign policy							[217]
July 2000 **+.....	38	30	17	7	1	7	
June 2000+.....	41	29	16	8	-	6	
Being trustworthy enough to do the right thing when making decisions							[218]
July 2000 **+.....	29	38	17	12	1	3	
June 2000+.....	29	37	20	9	1	4	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							[219]
July 2000 **+.....	26	46	16	8	1	3	
June 2000+.....	25	46	18	8	-	3	
Being easygoing and likeable							[220]
July 2000 **+.....	30	43	19	5	-	3	
June 2000+.....	29	40	19	7	-	5	
Having the best ideas for the future							[221]
July 2000 **+.....	32	36	16	7	1	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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10. From what you have seen or heard, do you feel that either of the candidates for president is a negative campaigner? (IF "YES," ASK:) Which candidate do you think is a negative campaigner--George W. Bush or Al Gore? *

Yes, George W. Bush is a negative campaigner.....	8	[222]
Yes, Al Gore is a negative campaigner.....	13	
Yes, both are negative campaigners (VOL).....	16	
No, neither is a negative campaigner.....	57	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

11. Which one of the following statements do you agree with more?

Statement A: After eight years of the Clinton-Gore Administration, it's time for a change.

Statement B: With the nation at peace and the economy as strong as it is, we should continue with the Democrats in the White House.

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Statement A: time for change.....	47	47	46	49	[223]
Statement B: should continue with Democrats.....	45	46	44	45	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	2	5	3	
Not sure.....	4	5	5	3	

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12. Whose approach do you favor when it comes to dealing with Social Security--George W. Bush's approach to change the current system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts in the stock market, OR Al Gore's approach to use some of the budget surplus to pay down the national debt now, and use a combination of interest savings and general tax revenue later to help maintain the current Social Security system of guaranteed monthly benefits?

George W. Bush's approach.....	40	[224]
Al Gore's approach.....	47	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	6	

13. Do you think that **(READ ITEM)** has the right experience and background to be president?

	<u>Has The Right Experience And Background Be President</u>	<u>Does Not Have The Right Experience And Background To Be President</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush.....	63	30	7	[225]
Al Gore.....	69	25	6	[226]

14. Does knowing that George W. Bush is the son of former President Bush make you more likely to vote for him, less likely to vote for him, or does it not make a difference to you either way? *

More likely.....	16	[227]
Less likely.....	14	
Makes no difference either way.....	69	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

15. Does George W. Bush's selection of Dick Cheney as his vice-presidential running mate make you more likely to vote for George W. Bush, less likely to vote for George W. Bush, or does it not affect your vote either way?

More likely to vote for Bush.....	23	[228]
Less likely to vote for Bush.....	12	
Does not affect vote either way.....	62	
Not sure.....	3	

16. Does the fact that George W. Bush selected Dick Cheney as his vice-presidential running mate make you much more comfortable with George W. Bush, somewhat more comfortable, neutral, somewhat less comfortable, or much less comfortable with George W. Bush?

Much more comfortable.....	16	[229]
Somewhat more comfortable.....	20	
Neutral.....	45	
Somewhat less comfortable.....	7	
Much less comfortable.....	9	
Not sure.....	3	

- 17a. Which one of the following comes closest to your feelings about having Dick Cheney as George W. Bush's vice-presidential running mate?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

He adds the necessary experience and background.....	29	[230]
He represents the right set of values.....	14	
He makes the Republican ticket too conservative.....	13	
He is too close to oil-industry interests.....	10	
He makes me feel more comfortable with the Republican ticket.....	8	
He represents a return to the past.....	8	
None (VOL).....	6	
All (VOL).....	1	
Not sure	11	

- 17b. As a congressman from Wyoming, Dick Cheney had a consistently conservative voting record in Congress on issues such as gun control, abortion, and taxes. Does knowing this give you a more favorable opinion of him or a less favorable opinion of him as George W. Bush's running mate, or does it not make any difference to you?

More favorable opinion.....	29	[231]
Less favorable opinion.....	26	
Makes no difference.....	42	
Not sure.....	3	

18. As you may have heard, in the late 1970s and early 1980s Dick Cheney suffered three mild heart attacks and underwent major heart surgery. In the past twelve years, however, he served as Secretary of Defense during the Gulf War and has not had any serious health problems. Does knowing this about Cheney's past health problems cause you to have reservations about him as a vice-presidential candidate, or not?

Yes, causes reservations.....	10	[232]
No, does not cause reservations.....	89	
Not sure.....	1	

19. I would like to read you a couple of things that people are saying about the Republican Party. For each one, please tell me whether you feel that this tends to be the case or not.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TENDS TO BE THE CASE

	Tends To Be The Case	Does Not Tend To Be The Case	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Stands for strong moral values.....	66	25	4	5	[240]
Has a vision to move the country forward.....	60	31	4	5	[239]
Has good ideas on the issues.....	58	28	9	5	[235]
Too influenced by special interests.....	54	34	4	8	[238]
Too negative toward the Democrats.....	54	37	4	5	[233]
Positive and upbeat.....	53	36	4	7	[237]
Compassionate, cares for people.....	45	45	4	6	[241]
Too conservative.....	45	47	4	4	[234]
Inclusive, reaching out to minorities.....	38	49	3	10	[236]

20. Do you think that members of conservative Christian organizations have too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

	7/00+	8/96	
Too much influence.....	43	43	[242]
Too little influence.....	17	16	
The right amount of influence.....	28	27	
Not sure.....	12	14	

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- 21a. How much attention do you intend to pay to the upcoming Republican National Convention--a great deal of attention, a fair amount, just some, a little, or not very much at all?

A great deal of attention.....	20	[243]
A fair amount of attention.....	33	
Just some attention.....	19	
A little attention.....	10	
Not very much attention at all.....	18	
Not sure.....	-	

- 21b. How many of the four nights of the Republican convention are you planning to watch on television?

None.....	24	[244]
One.....	17	
Two.....	17	
Three.....	7	
Four.....	24	
Not sure.....	11	

- 21c. Compared to past Republican conventions, how interested are you in next week's Republican convention--more interested, less interested, or is your interest level about the same?

More interested.....	22	[245]
Less interested.....	14	
About the same level of interest.....	62	
Not sure.....	2	

- 21d. How much do you think political conventions matter now--do you think that they matter a lot, some, very little, or not at all?

Matter a lot.....	19	[246]
Matter some.....	36	
Matter very little.....	28	
Do not matter at all.....	15	
Not sure.....	2	

22. Let me read you a number of different goals that George W. Bush may want to accomplish at the upcoming Republican National Convention. For each one, please tell me whether you think that this should be a top priority for George W. Bush, a secondary priority, or not a priority at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY

	Top Priority	Secondary Priority	Not A Priority At All	Not Sure	
Give a fuller explanation of his priorities and what he would do as president.....	80	13	5	2	[247]
Show a sense of comfort and command that he can handle the job of president.....	70	20	8	2	[251]
Reach out to non-traditional Republican constituencies, such as minorities.....	60	29	9	2	[248]
Provide a better understanding of how he and Dick Cheney, his vice-presidential running mate, will work well together.....	52	34	12	2	[252]
Demonstrate that he is not controlled by the Christian Conservative movement.....	43	28	25	4	[249]
Give a fuller explanation of his background and values.....	41	39	18	2	[250]

Changing subjects now...

23. The federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. For which one of the following would you like to see the surplus funds used--reducing the national debt, improving funding for needed government programs, or providing an across-the-board tax cut?

	7/00*+	1/98	
Reducing the national debt.....	32	41	[253]
Improving funding for needed government programs....	20	18	
Providing across-the-board tax cut.....	42	34	
All (VOL).....	3	3	
None/other (VOL).....	1	3	
Not sure.....	2	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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24. From what you know, do you think that the death penalty is or is not applied fairly? **

Applied fairly.....	42	[254]
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Not applied fairly.....	42
Depends (VOL).....	8
Not sure.....	8

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25. As you may have heard, there have been several instances in which criminals sentenced to be executed have been released based on new evidence or new DNA testing. Based on this information, would you favor or oppose a suspension of the death penalty until questions about its fairness can be studied? **

Favor suspension.....	63	[255]
Oppose suspension.....	30	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

26. Do you personally have Internet access at home, work, or someplace else? (IF "YES," ASK:) And is that at home, work, or someplace else? (ACCEPT ALL THAT APPLY.)

	<u>7/00+</u>		<u>6/00+</u>	
Yes, Have Internet Access.....	73		71	
At home.....	59	CONTINUE	56	[256]
At work.....	29		34	>
Someplace else.....	8		8	
No, Do Not Have Internet Access. .	27	Skip to Q.28	28	
Not Sure.....	-		1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THAT THEY HAVE INTERNET ACCESS IN Q.26.)

27. Do you have a computer and television in the same room, so that if you wanted to watch television and work at your computer at the same time, you would be able to?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	
Yes, have computer and television in same room.....	55	46	[257]
No, do not have computer and television in same room.	45	54	
Not sure.....	-	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28. Which of the following best represents your views about abortion--the choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor, abortion should be legal only in cases in which pregnancy results from rape or incest, or when the life of the woman is at risk, or abortion should be illegal in all circumstances?

	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>8/96</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	
Should be left up to the woman and her doctor.....	57	57	60	56	58	55	[258]
Legal only in cases where pregnancy results from rape or incest, or when the life of the woman is at risk.....	29	32	26	30	31	35	
Illegal in all circumstances.....	12	9	11	12	9	7	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	2	2	3	
		<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>	
		56	60	60	57	57	
		31	28	31	36	33	
		10	10	8	7	8	
		3	2	1	-	2	

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FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	8	[259-260]
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	11	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	5	
65-69.....	6	
70-74.....	7	
75 and over.....	7	
Refused.....	1	

- F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[261-262]
Some high school.....	3	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	21	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	27	[263-264]
White-collar worker.....	17	
Blue-collar worker.....	18	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	8	
Retired.....	24	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	23	[271]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	17	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	1	

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	21	[272]
Moderate.....	46	
Conservative.....	30	
Not sure.....	3	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	19	[273]
Married.....	60	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	9	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F7a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	53	CONTINUE	[274]
Catholic.....	28		
Jewish.....	2		
Other.....	12	Skip to Q.F8	
None.....	3		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F7a.)

F7b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	19	[275]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	30	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F7a).....	47	

F8. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	16	[276]
Once a year.....	5	
A few times a year.....	20	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	39	
Not sure.....	3	

F9. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?**

Labor union member.....	11	[277]
Labor union household.....	5	
Nonunion household.....	82	
Not sure.....	2	

F10. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?**

Hispanic.....	5	[278]
White.....	80	
Black.....	9	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	2	[279]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	11	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	13	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	10	
More than \$100,000.....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	15	